

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA

**August 3, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Edwin Parker, David Hoover, Lionel Bailey, Ben Babin, Jack Harris, James Little, Richard St. Pierre, Larry Thomas, Don Thompson, Kenneth Welborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Felicia Lee, Angela Machen

ALSO, PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau, ARBC Legal Counsel Larry Bankston

Vacant Seat(s) St. Helena Parish

1. The Special Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Parker.
2. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None
4. Comite River Diversion Canal Project – natural-gas replacement for 9 residents on East Irene Road in Zachary, Louisiana:  
Due to the CRDC Project, utilities within the canal right-of-way are being relocated including some natural gas-lines. After reviewing quotes on the actual cost of conversion to propane, replacement of appliances, labor and installation, the Board unanimously approved a motion by Harris second by Bailey to rescind the previous authorization made on June 30, 2021 by the Board to approve \$3,000 per home. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover second by St. Pierre to reimburse for the actual cost per home for conversion from natural-gas to propane for 9 residents on East Irene Road. This will be with the understanding that the old appliances shall be donated and not sold by the homeowner. ARBC has done its best to determine what the cost may be by getting estimates from Herring Gas and Hughes Mechanical. Rietschier will request from Herring Gas and Hughes Mechanical that the estimates be broken down per each homeowner. Rietschier will write a letter and present it along with the individual estimates to the homeowners. The homeowner will have 5 days to respond to ARBC after receipt of the letter and estimates. The homeowners may choose to go with a different company but reimbursements will be based on actual cost and itemized receipts. If a homeowner needs the money in advance of the purchase then an itemized invoice would need to be presented to the ARBC. This needs to be done expediently as to not slow down the progress of the CRDC Project.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

APPROVED:

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/s/ Edwin Parker  
Edwin Parker, ARBC President  
Date: September 21, 2021

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/s/ Toni B. Guitrau  
Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary